

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

60 WESTVIEW STREET, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02173

July 2, 1985

Mr. David Kennedy City Planner City Hall 133 William Street New Bedford, MA

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

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I wish to thank you for the time that you gave me on June 26, 1985. As I mentioned to you, the Agency has appointed me to conduct a fence installation and warning sign posting operation in the New Bedford Harbor, upper Acushnet estuary area.

Based upon my inspection of the New Bedford portion of the upper estuary, I believe that two areas require fencing. These are the Coffin Street playground and the Sawyer Street soccer field, adjacent to the estuary. These two areas appear to have the kinds of activities which might lead to a disregard of warning signs (i.e., chasing a lost ball).

Coffin Street Playground

This area currently is partially fenced with approximately 500 feet of chain-link fence 3 1/2' high. Sections of the fence have deteriorated, or have been destroyed. I propose removing the existing fence and replacing it with a 6' high chain-link fence extending from the Belleville Avenue sidewalk to an existing fence near the intersection of Riverside Avenue and Coffin Street, a distance of approximately 1,100 feet.

Sawyer Street Soccer Field

I propose to install approximately 850' of 6' high chain-link extending from the existing tension wire fence at a point easterly of two concrete foundations, northerly to an area of rubble, then westerly, parallel to and 100' from the soccer field, to an indentation in the cove northwesterly, of the soccer field (see attachment #1 site diagram).

Based upon our conversation, and an additional conversation with Jackie Prince of EPA, I understand that the City of New Bedford may be willing to install these fences. In order to assure that these fences can be installed in the shortest possible time, I am instructing my contractor to obtain estimates based on the attached specification (see attachment #2), and to be prepared to install the fences within 5 weeks.

If the City of New Bedford is willing and able to install the necessary sections of fence within approximately 5 weeks, I would appreciate a letter to that effect, and an opportunity to further coordinate City and Federal activities.

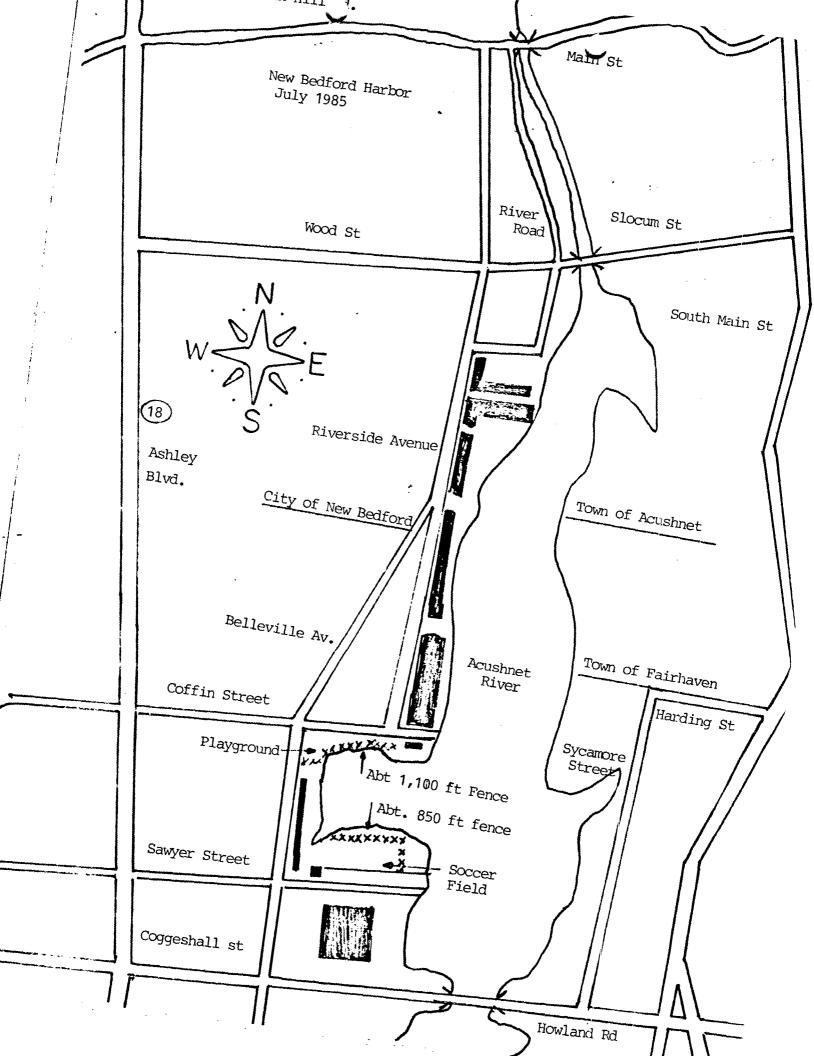
If any questions should arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 861-6700 x214.

Sincerely,

David W. Tordoff On-Scene Coordinator

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cc: J. Prince, EPA/WMD



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FENCE SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. Approximately 2,000 linear feet of 6 foot high, 2.5 inch mesh, 11.5 guage zinc galvanized chain link fence.
- 2. 7 guage galvanizing tied every 17 inches with tension wire.
- 3. Immediate posts will be 1.90 inches in diameter, wall thickness will be 0.090 inches, and the weight per foot will be 1.74 lb.
- 4. Terminal posts will be 2.375 inches in diameter, with a wall thickness of 0.095 inches, and a weight per foot of 2.31 lb.
- 5. Brace rails will be 1.66 inches in diameter, with a wall thickness of 0.085 inches, and a weight per foot of 1.43 lb.
- 6. All fittings will be galvanized.
- 7. All materials are to be new in quality.
- 8. All posts will be driven a minimum of 24 inches below grade. If bedrock is encountered, posts will be set by drilling a minimum of 6 inches below grade and cemented with hydraulic cement. If poor soils are encountered, fill and/or hydraulic cement will be used to properly anchor the posts.